

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

Office of the Governor

* DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH *

WHEREAS, domestic violence is an epidemic affecting Americans in all communities, regardless of age, gender, economic status, race, religion, nationality, or educational background; and

WHEREAS, over 3 million children witness domestic violence each year, and over 10 million children are at risk of witnessing domestic violence each year, contributing to devastating effects such as trauma, decreased social, emotional and cognitive development, physical problems, and an increased likelihood of child abuse; and

WHEREAS, one in five female high school students report being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence are often prevented from getting or keeping jobs by their abusers, and many victims who leave their abusers face poverty, unemployment, homelessness and even death at the hands of abusers as a result of leaving; and

WHEREAS, there were 111 domestic violence related deaths in Arizona in 2009; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence shelters in Arizona served 5,943 adults and 5,266 children in fiscal year 2009; and

WHEREAS, stopping domestic violence requires uncompromised accountability of offenders; and

WHEREAS, enhanced education, prevention, and intervention efforts will increase public awareness, mobilize community action, and confront the abuse of power and control in interpersonal relationships.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2010 as

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and encourage all citizens of Arizona to support the efforts of organizations that provide education, outreach, and support to victims of domestic violence, and call upon our citizens to dedicate themselves to ending all forms of violence and the abuse of power and control in relationships.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janice K. Brewer
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fourteenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-fifth.

ATTEST:

Ken Blumett
Secretary of State

